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Viewing cable 09OSLO399,

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09OSLO399	2009-06-18 07:44	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Oslo

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REF: A. A: 2008 OSLO 321 B. B: 2008 OSLO 489 C. C: 2008 OSLO 497 D. D: OSLO 321

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Kevin M. Johnson for reasons 1.4 b and d

[1](#)1. (C) Summary. Norwegian politicians like to brag about their good relations with Russia, even suggesting that Norway Russia policy should be

[1](#)2. (C) Norwegian security, business and environmental leaders are much more skeptical (and worried) about Russian motivations and actions than
Russia: Public Positivism and a Focus on the Bilateral -----

[1](#)3. (C) The GONs official Russia policy has been characterized by a consistent stress on the positive and a reluctance to publicly criticize Ru

[1](#)4. (C) As a member of the wider European community, Norway has been much more passive, at times criticizing Russian actions, but primarily arg

[1](#)5. (C) These achievements impact the wider relationship as the GON does not want to throw away the hard earned progress in bilateral relations
Norways Strategy: Partly a Free Rider? -----

[1](#)6. (C) The GON preference for bilateral issues does not mean that the GON is unaware of negative trends in Russia or that it is completely un

[1](#)7. (C) The "right fights" for the GON appear to be any issue which has an economic impact on Norway or actions such as the Georgian war where

[1](#)8. (C) The general GON policy towards Russia is to increase Norwegian (and other countries) presence in the High North, create new tools to de
Quiet Concerns -----

[1](#)9. (C) The GONs strategy of public positivism and increases in international attention to the region is not satisfactory to all in Norway. The

[1](#)10. (U) These criticisms were echoed by well-known Russian environmental activist Alexander Nikitin in a June 12 speech in Oslo. Nikitin criti
Test Cases-Will the Kid Gloves Pay Off -----

[1](#)11. (C) According to the GON, the bilateral Norway-Russia
relationship has never been so good. The Norwegian Embassy in Moscow believes that the Kremlin needs to show that it can cooperate with a NATO

[1](#)12. (C) However, Norway has precious little to point to as concrete results of its positive Russia policy:

--The decision to grant StatoilHydro participation in the Shtockman development company is often mentioned as the prime example of how the GON
--The resolution of the Telenor case will be another. Telenor, the GON state owned telecommunications firm invested with the oligarch-controlle
--Svalbard and the Maritime Boundary are also key test cases. Russia disputes Norways interpretation of the Svalbard treaty regarding the explc
Comment -----

[1](#)13. (C) Norway has succeeded in creating a low tension relationship with Russia with real and functioning cooperative agreements in the Barent

[1](#)14. (C) Norways underlying concerns over Russia will however continue to be an important piece of the continued close U.S.-Norway bilateral re

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